GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4600
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001
CLEARANCE FOR SALE OF SILDENAFIL CITRATE
BALIRAM;P.R. KHUTE;RADHA MOHAN SINGH;SUSHILA SAROJ

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether M/s. Ranbaxy, Cadila Health Care and Torrent were granted permission to manufacture and market SILDENAFIL CITRATE a Viagra substitute throughout the country;

(b) If so, whether it is also a fact that these companies manufactured formulation of Sildenafil without permission;

(c) If so, the facts thereof;

(d) Whether this issues has been processed for violating the Drugs & Cosmetics Act; and

(e) If so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken against these Companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): As per information received from the State Drug Controllers, manufacture of formulations was undertaken after permission was given to them on 8.1.2001.

(d)&(e): Do not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.